



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES on I-710 this Weekend

**Bell to Downey** – Beginning Friday night, August 19 and continuing through Monday morning, August 22, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct Full Freeway closures on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) as part of a \$65 million Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from Firestone Boulevard to Slauson Avenue. The full closure extends from the Glenn Anderson Freeway (I-105) connector to Atlantic Boulevard in the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, South Gate and Downey.

**FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES** will occur twice during each weekend and in both directions:

- Friday at 11:59 p.m. until Saturday at 6 a.m.
- Sunday at 11 p.m. until Monday at 5 a.m.

The full closures are required to install temporary barriers and to re-stripe the lanes to allow motorists the use of two or three lanes beginning Saturday 6 a.m. until Sunday 11 p.m.

### **CLOSED ramps throughout each weekend:**

- **On-ramps to northbound I-710:** Eastbound & westbound on-ramps from Imperial Highway, Firestone Boulevard and Florence Avenue.
- **On-ramps to southbound I-710:** Eastbound & westbound on-ramps from Atlantic Blvd., Florence Ave. and Firestone Blvd.
- **Off-ramps from southbound I-710:** Eastbound & westbound off-ramps at Florence Ave. and Firestone Blvd.

**CLOSED Freeway Connectors:** Eastbound and westbound I-105 connector to northbound I-710.

**RESTRICTIONS:** Construction Zone speed limit is 45 mph and will be enforced by CHP. Fines are doubled within designated construction zones. No oversized loads permitted due to narrow lanes.

**DELAYS & DETOURS:** Motorists can expect delays. Use alternate routes and marked detours.

**SCHEDULE:** Closures are weather-permitting and are subject to change. Caltrans has completed two of 10 weekend closures that began on August 5. Eight more Extended Weekend Closures are scheduled for Aug. 19-22; 26-29; Sept. 9-12; 16-19; 23-26; 30-Oct.3; Oct. 7-10; 14-17. No construction will occur Labor Day weekend Sept. 2-5.

### **Weeknight closures for Wednesday, August 17 and Thursday, August 18.**

**7 pm to 5 am** – up to two lanes in each direction between Firestone Blvd. to just south of Atlantic Blvd.  
– Intermittent on-and off-ramp closures at Firestone Boulevard and Florence Avenue.  
Both ramps will **not** be closed at the same time.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** The work is part of a \$65 million I-710 Long Life Pavement Project from Firestone Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard to rehabilitate aging pavement and provide the roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public. Funding for this project is from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The contractor is SEMA Construction of Lake Forrest, Ca.